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March 23, John L. Dymally, Brit. ship,  
1047, from Shanghai, March 20, Bal-  
last.—Order.

March 24, Niger, British steamer, 1125,  
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## New Advertisements.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

#### NOTICE.

SHARE No. 156 (Premia contributed  
\$5888) has been placed in the hands  
of the Society for Sale. Sealed Tenders  
for purchase of same, marked "Tender for  
Share No. 156," will be received until the  
7th April, 1869.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
ROB. WATMORE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1869. apr10

## ARRIVALS.

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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Packages per Brit. barque *Meteor*, from Sydney, are requested to communicate with the Undersigned, and take immediate delivery of their Goods, or they will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

K, 6 pkgs. Mer'dise, shipped by Alderson & Sons.  
E, 48 cases Preserved Meats, shipped by Robinson & Co.  
A T, 7 cases Copper, shipped by Chen Atank.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

## BRITISH SHIP "BALCON" FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Hoogly," 31st October, 1868.  
1 case Axes.  
1 case Chemicals.  
1 case Stationery.  
O. BERTRAND, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

BARQUE "BENEFICENT" FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

SMITH, ARCHER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

"ZIBA" FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1869.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

MR S. H. DAVID is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

C. LANGDON DAVIES.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last.

Mr T. P. P. M. Mr WILLIAM NELSON, OLMSTED and Mr H. SYMMOUR-GRAY are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

FROM this date Mr GEORGE E. LANE will act as Agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this port.

GEO. F. BOWMAN.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA LIMITED.

MR ROBERT S. WALKER has this day been appointed Secretary to the Company, and Mr JOHN INGLIS, the present Acting Secretary, resumes his functions as Managing Engineer for the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN INGLIS,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 3, 1869.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr GEORGE WILHELM SCHWEMMANN and of Mr ROBERT WILHELM SCHWEMMANN in our Firm ceased on the 31st December 1867, and 31st December 1868 respectively.

Mr FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr HEINRICH HOPF have this day been admitted partners in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, which now consists of Mr GEORGE WILHELM SCHWEMMANN, Mr FERDINAND NISSEN, Mr ROBERT WILHELM SCHWEMMANN, Mr FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr HEINRICH HOPF.

SCHWEMMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR D. O. CLARK retires from our Firm, and Mr J. MURRAY FORBES and Mr E. D. BARBOUR are admitted Partners from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, January 1, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr FREDERICK PEDDER in our Firm ceases from this date.

H. D. BROWN & Co.  
Amoy, December 31, 1868.

MR FREDERICK CHOMLEY is a Partner in our Firm, which from this date will be conducted under the Name of BROWN & Co.

H. D. BROWN & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1869.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr CLAUDE BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date.

DEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1869.

## For Sale.

## NEW GOODS.

Ex "Black Prince" and "Ziba."  
BRASS BED-STEADS.  
DELICACIES for Macao Trips.  
Despatch BOXES and DESKS.  
STATIONERY.  
BENEFITTA, PARAMATTA, & Co., &c., for the opening season.  
ELECTRO PLATE.  
TRAPOTS for early morning Tea.  
Lightning CONDUCTORS.  
Pressure GAUGES.  
Leather CLOTH.  
FIRE BROOKS.  
CLOTH CROCKERY.  
Linen STRAWS.  
Patent WATER-CLOSETS.  
HATS, UMBRELLAS.  
Fishing LINES.  
Leather BELTING, for Machinery.  
Racquet BALLS.  
PERFUMERY.  
Dust SPECTACLES.  
Krug's CHAMPAGNE.  
FINE PORT WINE.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869.

## FOR THE RACES.

SAYLE & Co.,  
HONG KONG.  
HAVE RECEIVED EX MAIL STEAMER.

A Large assortment of MILLINERY.  
BONNETS, and HATS of the latest fashions.

A Choice assortment of SILK, MUSLIN, and GRENADINE, for Evening Wear.

A fine assortment of new FRENCH FLOWERS, HEAD-DRESSES and FEATHERS.

A large assortment of new TRIMMINGS and FRINGES in all colors.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid GLOVES, in white and colors, all sizes.

Gentlemen's Drab Shell and Felt HATS.

Blue and Green GOSSAMERS, &c.

(BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT.)  
20, Fookchow Road, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1869.

Per "Mail-Steamer" and late Arrivals.

MISS ROSE HAS received a choice assortment of French GLASSES, black and colored, BARRAGE and FANCY DRESSES, black and colored piece VELVETS and SATINS in the newest shades.

Main and FANCY RIBBONS, VELVETS, SASH RIBBONS, and DRESS TRIMMINGS in great variety. Real CLONIE and VALENCIENNES LACES.

Ladies' and Children's trimmed and untrimmed HATS in all the fashionable shapes.

Ladies' BONNETS latest styles, Plain and FANCY SUNSHADES, French FANS, &c.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's French Kid GLOVES and BOOTS.

Ladies' White Satin and Kid BOOTS.

A large assortment of French and English Hosiery, Gentlemen's Black and Drab Shell HATS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, &c., &c.

HENRI'S PERFUMERY, WELLINGTON STREET, Opposite the Catholic Chapel.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1869.

S. W. BAKER & Co.,  
BEG to invite inspection of their New late arrivals, including—

Ladies' Hats, Bonnets, Opera Cloaks, Dresses in plain and fancy Silks, Poplins, Ribes, Reys, and new Textures, French Robes, ready-made, French Statues, Belts, Jackets and Mantles, new shape Jupons, white and scarlet Corsets, Lace Falls, Lace and other Trimmings, Ribbons, and Ribbon Veils in all colors, Hosiery, Kid, Cashmere, and Groves Boots, white Satin Boots and Kid Boots. A large assortment of Wool and Embroidery Works, as Cushion Patterns, Smoking Caps, Masala Sets, &c.

Sangster's Umbrellas, Christy's new shape Felt and Shell Hats, a choice lot of Neck Scarfs, Ties, Wrappers, Collars, Neck Fanny Ties and Coatings, Braces, &c.

Brussels Carpets, Velvet Pile Carpets and Rugs; All Wool Damasks, Lace Curtains, Table Covers in great variety, Damask Table Cloths in all sizes, Table Napkins, D'Oyleys, Blankets, Counterpanes, Sheetings, Flannels, Wool Mats, Turkish and other Towels, &c.

Children's Trimmed Hats; Boots, Paramounts, Picture Books, Toys, &c.

Dressing Cases, and Travelling Bags fitted for Ladies and Gentlemen, Playing Cards, and a large assortment of Stationery and Perfumery Goods.

S. W. BAKER & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 24, 1868.

## FOR SALE.

FOUR first class Cargo BOATS, all in good order with Sails and Gear complete. Average burthen, 800 piculs each.

Apply to  
MORGAN LAMBERT & Co.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

## For Sale.

BIRFIELD & ZACHARIAE.  
HAVE received by the last mail the Newest Style of—  
PIPE  
now in use by ALL  
men of fashion, and as only a few have come into this, early orders for the same are solicited.

A well selected stock of Smokers' Articles, such as Carved Cigar-holders; Briar-root Pipes; Havana Cigars (choice brands); No. 2 and 3 Manila Cigars and Cheroots of the finest quality; in boxes of 200 and 100 each; Smoking Tobacco (choice brands); Cigarette Paper; Tobacco Pouches; Flints, &c., &c.

Also a fresh supply of Russian Cigarettes. HONGKONG.  
Queen's Road, 88 & 90, SHANGHAI.  
Canton Road, 16, Hongkong, February 15, 1869.

## New Advertisements.

NOTICE.  
I, Fung Ng Cheong, brother of the Broker Fung Tsing, desire to make public the following particulars, to wit:—I have lost money, through mismanagement, in 1867, I, Fung Ng Cheong, agreed with one Tso Wing Yung of the Tso Tai Ka Shop in Hongkong to clear, at Sai-yung-poon the lots No. 204 and 205 for which I was to receive the sum of \$6000. After about one half was completed, I finding that the work was too difficult, threw up the contract, and, although I had spent over four months at it, made no demand for pay. Desiring of getting it completed, Tso Wing Yung, agreed to pay me \$400 more than the contract, if I would finish by which I completed, and recommenced the work. I worked last year completed and I ought to have received \$7,000. But the extra \$400 was refused by Tso Wing Yung, because there was no written agreement, or witness to his promise. Now as amongst the Chinese from the highest to the lowest, a promise is held sacred and Tso Wing Yung has broken that he made to me, I, although I can put up with the loss of the \$400, think it right to make the matter public that others may not be too foolish as I myself was in supposing a mere verbal promise. And I hereby solemnly declare to the truth of what I have herein stated.

FUNG NG CHEONG,  
馮五昌  
Hongkong, March 25, 1869.

## ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS.  
CONTAINS, in addition to the usual Summary of Home and Foreign News, a special and detailed account of the AMERICAN MAIL ROUTE, via San Francisco and New York.

J. B. MORRIS,  
Agent, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

FOR MANILA.  
The American steamer "FUNG SHUEY," will be despatched for the above port at 10 A.M. on SATURDAY, the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 25, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, March 27, 1869, at 11 o'clock A.M., at the Godowns of Messrs ARNOLD, KARBERS & Co.

(For account of the concerned.)  
A K & Co. 1/4 A. 2 cases COMPOSITE PAINTS.  
All more or less damaged by sea water.

Also,  
For account of whom it may concern,  
454 dozen Brown HANDKERCHIEFS.

Terms of Sale.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

Hongkong, March 25, 1869.

UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

NOTICE.  
THE Company's OFFICES are this day REMOVED to the Ground Floor of Messrs BARNES & WALKER & Co.'s House at the corner of Lee House Street.

Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
A Second DIVIDEND of \$125 per share will be payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai BANKING CORPORATION, on and after the 22nd instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Undersigned, No. 39, Queen's Road, for Warrants.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
WITH a view to the apportionment of the Reserve Fund of Profits, Shareholders are requested to furnish the Undersigned on or before the 1st April next, with a memorandum of the Premiums contributed by them to the above Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

THE next General MEETING of the Members of the MOUNTAIN EDUCATION SOCIETY will be held in the London Mission House, on the 30th March, at 3 P.M.

D. MORRIS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1869.

## New Advertisements.

F. A. WHEELER,  
HAIR CUTTER & HAIR DRESSER,  
26, Queen's Road,  
(Opposite LANE & CRAWFORD'S.)  
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of this Society, will be held at the Head Office, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of April proximo, at 8 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of repaying the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1868.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT WATMORE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.  
THE Transfer Books of the Society will be closed from the 18th day of March, to the 1st day of April 1869, both days included, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT WATMORE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1869.

NOTICE.  
ESTATE OF DEBT & Co.

A Second DIVIDEND of Five per cent upon the amount of all claims admitted by the Trustees will be paid on the 15th May next.

On application to Mr G. OVERBROOK, at the Office of the Trustees, No. 7, Pedder's Hill, Creditors will be furnished with Warrants signed by the Trustees, which will be payable at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai BANKING CORPORATION.

Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS.  
IS published in London for the P. & O. Co.'s and French Mails, and contains—Summary of Home, Parliamentary, and Foreign News.

Special Correspondents' Letters from Germany, Holland, &c.

Leading Articles on the principal interests of China.

Digest of Home Opinions on China Subjects.

List of Passengers by the current and succeeding Mails.

Naval and Military News.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Commercial, Banking, Share Lists, &c.

Market Reports, Shipping News, Freight, &c.

Exchanges, &c., from London and the Continent, New York, &c.

Statistics of Imports and Exports.

Supplement.

Statement of each Ship's Cargo for China and Japan, and by the P. and O. Mails.

SUBSCRIPTION—\$12 per Annum, in Application Supplement, \$14.50. Single Copies, 60 cents.

J. B. MORRIS,  
Agent, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

NOTICE.  
I HE Undersigned being about to leave the Colony, request that all persons indebted to him make immediate payment of same and all persons having claims against him will present them for settlement by 31st March 1869.

FRED. H. HARSANT,  
GEORGE A. F. MORRIS.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1869.

NOTICE.  
FROM and after this date, the style of our firm will be WAHKEE & Co., China Sugar Refinery, EAST POINT.

Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

GREAT REDUCTION.  
Closing of Business.

THE Undersigned, who is closing his business in May next, begs most respectfully to offer to the public, his large selection of Photographs, at the following low rates, an opportunity that should not be lost; patrons wishing to have copies from their negatives can have them at greatly reduced rates.

Views in set of 50 each, \$20.  
Views in set of 25 each, \$12.50.

W. F. FLOYD.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FROM this date the Management of the Hongkong Hotel is placed in charge of Mr GEORGE E. POTTS, to whom all communications should be addressed.

LEE A. FONG,  
Manager.  
Hongkong Hotel,  
March 8, 1869.

GRAND PHOTOGRAPHIC RAFFLE, OF 6000 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONGKONG, ETC., ETC., ETC.

ALL Prizes; Highest Prize 50 Photographs; Lowest Prize 12 Photographs, at \$5 per Chance.

Will take place on or about the 12th of April next.

The Undersigned, who is about leaving Hongkong, at an early date, begs to return his sincere thanks to his Patrons, for past favours; is compelled to leave China this Summer for Europe.

Begs to remind the public that the average price of the above Raffle is only about 85 cents each—a chance that will not again be offered in this Colony; on the contrary, Photographs will advance in price, and fall in quality, after the closing of this Establishment.

Those who wish to have a first-class CLARET DE VISITE, will do well to pay us a visit as soon as possible; this Establishment will be closed in May next.

Reduced Price List on application.  
FLOYD & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 6, 1869.

## New Advertisements.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Unpaid Capital of One Hundred Dollars per Share on the 20,000 New Shares of the Corporation's Stock will fall due on the dates following, viz:—

On 1st July, 1869, \$25  
1st July, 1870, 25  
1st Jan, 1872, 25  
1st Jan, 1873, 25

Shareholders electing to pay the whole or any portion of the above Calls by anticipation will receive interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, until the respective dates at which the Calls shall fall due, and receipts for such payments will be issued at the Head Office and Branches.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
VICTOR KRESSER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum, say \$7.50 per paid-up share of \$125, and \$1.50 per Share on which \$25 have been paid, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,  
VICTOR KRESSER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 16, 1869.

WANTED, by a European, an engagement for two or three years; is well up in Boiler-making, Iron Ship-Building, Ships' Smith-work, &c. Can make his own Drawings and Estimates. Three years' character from one of the principal Firms in China will be dispensed in a few weeks.

Address—"B. M." SAG HOTEL.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1869.

THE Undersigned hereby intimates that he has this day received the appointment of Surveyor to FRENCH LLOYDS under date of December 22nd, 1868.

ROBT. McMURDO.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1869.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Fortnightly Market Circulars published by the CHAMBER, will in future be deliverable from the Office of the Undersigned from 10 A.M. of the morning preceding the steamer's departure. The Circulars are at the disposal of non-Members, on application to the Secretary, who will furnish particulars of cost, &c.

J. W. WOOD,  
Secretary.  
Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

SAIL-MAKING.  
FAWCETT & Co., having secured the services of an experienced Sail-Maker, are prepared to MAKE or REPAIR SAILS at very reasonable rates.

Hongkong, December 10, 1868.

"STAG HOTEL."  
Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
EDMUND R. HOLMES.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.—On and after the first day of March next, the office of this Company, situated over the HONGKONG DISPENSARY will be closed. Letters can however be left as heretofore in a box placed for the purpose within the same building.

The Company's Stock of Chandeliers and other Fittings will, after the above date, be on view at the premises of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Queen's Road.

A. NEWTON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1869.

FAWCETT & Co.,  
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
GENERAL STORE KEEPERS, AND  
COMMISSION AGENTS,  
Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

MESSRS. KOSS & Co.  
BEG to inform the public of Hongkong that they had established themselves as

TAILORS & GENERAL OUTFITTERS, on the premises hitherto occupied by Messrs LAMBOURNE, OELKE & Co.

Having secured the services of an experienced European Cutter, and also having received per late arrivals a very superior stock of NEW GOODS, of the latest patterns, they are prepared to meet all the requirements of the present season.

A large stock of Ready-made CLOTHING, of the latest Fashions, always on hand.

KOSS & Co.,  
Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1869.

BILLIARDS, BOWLS, AND BAR.

NOTICE.  
THE ORIENTAL BAR, BILLIARD ROOMS, and BOWLING ALLEYS, having been enlarged and fitted up in a very superior style unequalled by any in the Colony, the Proprietors Re-open the above on Monday, the 13th January, 1869, to their friends and the public, and trust with civility, good Liquors and the well known reputation of this old-established House, to merit a share of their patronage. There are three first-class Billiard Tables in a large airy and well-lighted room. The Bowling Alley needs no comment.

BROWN & Co.,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1869.

## LATEST SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
March 25, *Mongol*, from ship, 1006, Courbe, Yokohama, March 12, Ballast, Order.

March 25, *Anne Porter*, Brit. brig, 238, Davey, Whampoa, March 23, General.

March 25, *From*, N. G. sch., 186, Leungios, Whampoa, March 23, General.

March 25, *Kung Shuey*, Amer. steamer, 987, McCoston, Amoy, March 23, General.



ST SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Mongol, Fren. ship, 1000 tons, March 12, Ballast.  
Porter, Brit. brig, 238 tons, March 23, General.  
From, N. G. sch., 180 tons, March 23, General.  
Shing, Amer. steamer, 222 tons, March 23, General.  
Brit. schooner, 222 tons, bound to Yokohama, Mar. 24.

**DEPARTURES.**  
For Bangkok.  
Fung Shuey, 280 Chinese.

**SENGERS.**  
Fung Shuey, 280 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**  
Maggie reports ex-weather, and was for 40 off West Point of Lintao; she came here to get it.

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for  
**CHINA, JAPAN**  
and  
**THE PHILIPPINES, &c.**  
1869.

**THE above Work is now PUBLISHED and READY FOR CIRCULATION.** Apply to  
**JOHN B. MORRIS,**  
Messrs Bown & Co.,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, January 13, 1869.

**DEATH.**  
Died suddenly, at Head Quarter House, on the night of the 24th inst., H. E. Major General BRUNNER, aged 62 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1869.

To-morrow being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the *China Mail*.

OBITUARY.

Our readers will share the regret with which we announce the death of Major-General Brunner, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Military Forces in China and Japan, and Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony. The general estimation in which the deceased officer was held has been very fully evinced by the manner in which the intelligence of his decease was received by all classes in the Colony. The military history of the deceased gentleman is as follows:

Ensign, on the 9th April, 1825; Lieut., on the 9th Sept., 1828; Capt., on the 14th Sept., 1832; Major, on the 9th Nov., 1846; Lieut.-Col., on the 24th Nov., 1852; Col., on the 28th Nov., 1854; Major-General, on the 10th Mar., 1866. General Brunner was always a favorite from his urbanity of manners and kind disposition. Since his wife's death he has never been the same man he was before, but has been gradually sinking, notwithstanding the unremitting care and attention of his daughters and medical adviser, Dr. Heffernan, Principal Medical Officer of this Station. He died quietly in his bed. Mr. Howard M. E. Brunner, Adjutant and Lieutenant H. M. 26th Cameronians, is his son, and is, we believe, on his way here, from Bengal on leave to visit his father. A general and subdued tone of sorrow pervades the whole garrison.

The funeral will, we learn, take place on Saturday, leaving the Parade Ground at half-past three—the whole of the troops attending, with a firing party from the 15th. The procession will turn off to the Pyma at the Police Station, and on reaching the Cemetery will be drawn up facing the entrance.

At the opening of the Supreme Court this morning, the Attorney-General said—

My Lord, I regret to have to communicate to the Court the sad intelligence of the death of Major-General Brunner, which took place last night.

Having regard to the high position he occupied, not only as Commander of the forces, but as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony, and to the great esteem in which he was held by every member of the Community, I am sure your Lordship will approve of the suggestion that the business of the Court be suspended to-day as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The Chief Justice, who seemed greatly affected by this sad announcement, said that he had no words to express the deep sorrow which he felt at the loss which the Colony had sustained, and would certainly not proceed with any business today. The Court would be adjourned until Saturday.

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN CANTON.

We are in receipt of the Report of the Medical Missionary Society in China, for 1868, and have much pleasure in noting the amount of good performed by this useful institution. Were not these annual reports formally authenticated, we should almost hesitate to accept their statements, so much do the figures given exceed those we should have anticipated. We find that a total of 50,636 out-patients and 1,088 in-patients were treated during the year, in which 1,825 operations and 672 vaccinations were performed. When we reflect upon the vast mass of human pain and suffering thus alleviated, the lives, heretofore hopeless, saved and rendered hopeful, and the immense influence for good as regards Chinese appreciation for foreigners which these figures represent, we feel that laudatory comments upon the self-denying labors of those who contribute to this great end are almost impertinent. We need not here enter into details of cases which, proper enough in the pages of a medical report, are scarcely fitted for a newspaper. But the general facts recorded are briefly as follows—

Enlarged accommodation for in-patients has been provided, and it is anticipated that evermore rooms will eventually be required. Two very satisfactory indications of the success of the establishment are noted: one, the increasing desire of young natives to enter as pupils; the other, that the name of the hospital is counterfeited by native practitioners as a recommendation for their drugs. Some of the particulars regarding a certain class of female patients are sad in the extreme. We can only wish the society success in its efforts to ameliorate their condition. The report is well illustrated by photographs and woodcuts; and not the least interesting table is that of Chinese Contributors, headed by the Governor-General of the two Kwang

with \$280—the total native subscriptions amounting to \$1,112.32.

It may perhaps not be out of place, to make one or two remarks upon the opium-smoking question, to which two condemnatory but temperately written paragraphs are devoted. Let us here say that we fully admit that all sufferers from the effects of taking opium are indeed objects of commiseration, and that we fully agree with everything stated by its opponents as regards the actual patients met by medical men. The point upon which we take issue is not "is opium fearfully and ruinously injurious to certain who indulge in it?"—as we frankly admit that it is, and may add the same of ardent spirits—but do the numbers who suffer from opium-smoking, bodily or pecuniarily, exceed, when compared with the total number who use it in moderation, the proportion of those who similarly suffer from indulgence in drink and tobacco at home? We maintain that they do not; and if we are right, may fairly apply the arguments concerning the latter to opium. Whatever our difference of opinion in this respect however, we heartily wish the Society God-speed!

**THE CHINA MAIL.**  
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1869.

OBITUARY.

Our readers will share the regret with which we announce the death of Major-General Brunner, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Military Forces in China and Japan, and Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony. The general estimation in which the deceased officer was held has been very fully evinced by the manner in which the intelligence of his decease was received by all classes in the Colony. The military history of the deceased gentleman is as follows:

Ensign, on the 9th April, 1825; Lieut., on the 9th Sept., 1828; Capt., on the 14th Sept., 1832; Major, on the 9th Nov., 1846; Lieut.-Col., on the 24th Nov., 1852; Col., on the 28th Nov., 1854; Major-General, on the 10th Mar., 1866. General Brunner was always a favorite from his urbanity of manners and kind disposition. Since his wife's death he has never been the same man he was before, but has been gradually sinking, notwithstanding the unremitting care and attention of his daughters and medical adviser, Dr. Heffernan, Principal Medical Officer of this Station. He died quietly in his bed. Mr. Howard M. E. Brunner, Adjutant and Lieutenant H. M. 26th Cameronians, is his son, and is, we believe, on his way here, from Bengal on leave to visit his father. A general and subdued tone of sorrow pervades the whole garrison.

The funeral will, we learn, take place on Saturday, leaving the Parade Ground at half-past three—the whole of the troops attending, with a firing party from the 15th. The procession will turn off to the Pyma at the Police Station, and on reaching the Cemetery will be drawn up facing the entrance.

At the opening of the Supreme Court this morning, the Attorney-General said—

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN CANTON.

We are in receipt of the Report of the Medical Missionary Society in China, for 1868, and have much pleasure in noting the amount of good performed by this useful institution. Were not these annual reports formally authenticated, we should almost hesitate to accept their statements, so much do the figures given exceed those we should have anticipated. We find that a total of 50,636 out-patients and 1,088 in-patients were treated during the year, in which 1,825 operations and 672 vaccinations were performed. When we reflect upon the vast mass of human pain and suffering thus alleviated, the lives, heretofore hopeless, saved and rendered hopeful, and the immense influence for good as regards Chinese appreciation for foreigners which these figures represent, we feel that laudatory comments upon the self-denying labors of those who contribute to this great end are almost impertinent. We need not here enter into details of cases which, proper enough in the pages of a medical report, are scarcely fitted for a newspaper. But the general facts recorded are briefly as follows—

Enlarged accommodation for in-patients has been provided, and it is anticipated that evermore rooms will eventually be required. Two very satisfactory indications of the success of the establishment are noted: one, the increasing desire of young natives to enter as pupils; the other, that the name of the hospital is counterfeited by native practitioners as a recommendation for their drugs. Some of the particulars regarding a certain class of female patients are sad in the extreme. We can only wish the society success in its efforts to ameliorate their condition. The report is well illustrated by photographs and woodcuts; and not the least interesting table is that of Chinese Contributors, headed by the Governor-General of the two Kwang

in 1868, and the speeches of its Chairman, Mr. Myrie (member of the Legislative Council), and others of that Chamber, to the addresses of the local clergy and to other authorities, all condemnatory of the late Ordinance, and certifying the nearly unanimous opinions of all respectable Chinese, to the same effect. In reply, Mr. Granville made the following remarks, in the course of which he, as it will be seen, condemned the application of money derived from these licenses to any purpose of Colonial Revenue. That is the objection we have always maintained to His Excellency's policy, and as is inevitable, his sin has found him out.

Mr. Granville, here interposing, said: You are preaching, I may almost say, to a convert. I go quite with your statement of the mischief, and I quite sympathize with everything that you have said against the fitness of raising a revenue in this way. I have not yet communicated my decision to Hongkong. But I may say this much, that whatever may hereafter be, I cannot approve of these proceeds of the gambling house-farm being treated as colonial revenue, or applicable to colonial purposes. Whether it may be employed specifically in defraying the charges of measures to suppress gambling, is another question. I am not to think, if we are to resort to it at all, I shall have to consider if I determine to allow that experiment to continue. But what I should like to know from the deputation is, that whether there is any practical way to the direct suppression in Hongkong, by penal means, of the practice. Our authorities there say that they have exhausted all those means and failed. You have offered reasons for contradicting that statement, and even for asserting that down to the introduction of this gambling-farm no real attempt to suppress gambling had been made. It creates a difficulty in the way of my reverting at once what has been done. It is true that there is now an advantage of the new Government being called upon to consider the matter, but then without a few months' consideration one ought not to reverse what may have been done already. I should like to look at the practical question of the way to put down gambling, if there be any way to do it.

Mr. Murrow was one of the deputation, and addressed some observations to the noble Secretary, and it would have been gratifying to him, we have no doubt, if he could have supplemented his testimony from a quarter where he is understood to have a right to look for support. But that gratification is denied him, though it is evident that the *China Mail* has been studied with profit.

LOCAL.

We learn that the Appellants in the case of the *Isa* have, under the advice of counsel, determined on abandoning the appeal.

We are glad to note that the ship *Neville*, from Whampoa to London, arrived safely at the latter port on the 4th of February. This is the more pleasing, as many of those interested in her welfare were becoming anxious as to her safety, as she left the Cape of Good Hope homeward on the 4th or 5th of December, 1868, she has been sixty-one days on her passage thence to London. Her cargo, we understand, was one of the most valuable, which had left Whampoa for some years past.

We learn that Mr. Goodlake, the colleague of Mr. May on the magisterial bench, goes home by an early opportunity, possibly in a few days. Whether the worthy gentleman has resigned his office, or simply goes home on leave without pay, we have not heard; but his departure would appear to add another item to the difficulty of H. E. concerning Colonial appointments. It has been rumored that a successor has been appointed to the departing bench, and some are of opinion that there is a tendency to turn the Magisterial business into a university for unfledged aspirants, but rumor may be false, as she often proves to be. We only trust that a gentleman as general and as able as the departing officer may be appointed.

This freak not only of fancy but of inspectors of Police indulged in at the Central Police Station are sometimes creditable only because they are placed beyond doubt at the Magistrate's Court. An inspector named Kirby appears first and foremost in display of the Magistrate's office, and a steady member of police. This services (or slips) of this officer have been previously noted; but Mr. K. seems to have "out-Kirbyed Kirby" to-day so completely that we might hazard the suggestion that a mild species of examination touching the first principles of a police-officer's duty should be made as a preliminary to going through the form which entitles a man to draw salary from the Colony as an inspector of police. It might be credited that there are such men in existence, entrusted (one might say) with the peace of the city during the still hours of the night, who would be so far left to "themselves" as to do such things. But such is the fact. A coolie was brought to Mr. K. (who was on duty last night), and was charged by a certain Mr. Hawkins (of the *Tienpo* gambut) with the larceny of a bundle; and this coolie was brought up to the Station in the custody of a District Watchman. After the charge was entered, the D. W. (who is under the orders of the Registrar General) informed the inspector that he would not be able to appear in this case to-morrow. Upon this, a short discussion arose; which resulted in the Inspector looking up prisoner and District Watchman in the same cell, we believe for the night. Mr. May, on hearing the case to-day, "lectured" the intelligent inspector upon the fact that it was his duty to imprison people only who broke the law, and not those who might happen to displease a police officer. But the Magistrate appeared to lose patience with such stupidity; and he dismissed the coolie who was charged, handing over the case for investigation to the Criminal Superintendent of Police. We believe the matter has been laid before H. E. the Governor.

The French in Saigon are making rapid progress with the Telegraph. Six principal lines, with two branches, connect the most important posts in the Colony. They have constructed 19 river cables. They have a line to the Gulf of Siam by Hatien, and

says the *Courier*, "Nous tendons à l'Angleterre la main amie sur laquelle il faut qu'elle appuie pour pouvoir mener à bien la Birmannie, et la ligne de Hongkong à la Metropole."

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Yesterday evening, Lo Ling Tung, an old man of 66 years of age, was convicted of having uttered a forged bank note. It may be remembered that the facts of the case were fully detailed, and the main features of the forged note described in our columns. Mr. Jackson, inspector of the Charterhouse Bank, described the note to the jury, saying that it would be readily detected. As the prisoner could not satisfactorily account for his possession of the forged note, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, but with a recommendation to mercy, on account of the prisoner's great age. The Attorney General said he did not wish to press for a heavy punishment. Sentence was reserved; and the Sessions were adjourned till this morning.

The Court met this morning; but adjourned immediately thereafter, owing to the death of Major-General Brunner. They will meet again on Saturday, 27th inst., at 10 a.m.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Mr. May on the Bench.  
John Francis McCormack, of the U. S. S. *Piscataqua*, was "on" in the drinking business last night. The result was one of those cases of a mixture of violence and ridiculous antics peculiar to Jack on shore. McCormack started his display by jumping from the wharf into a sampan, snatching the poor sampan-woman's crockery; next he resisted a Sikh constable, and two European policemen were called to the scene. The policeman, marine then attempted to get away, jumped into another boat, but by a displacement of "shifting ballast" the boat capsized and McCormack "dipped" into the water. When in the first sampan, he threw everything about him; in the second, he literally threw himself away. A struggle was enacted in the water, during which McCormack endeavored unsuccessfully to thrust his finger into one of the P. C.'s eyes, but succeeded only in scratching the policeman's nose. When his misadventure was finished, he snatched the chair with his feet; and all the defence to this array of miscellaneous "drunk" was "Mr. May found McCormack \$10, or ten days' imprisonment, in addition to the payment of 66 cents (for crockery) and \$1.50 (for chair damage) as amends.

Leo Tze Yum, a shuff at a gambling-house, was charged by Mr. Cragh to-day with being concerned in the manufacture of forged bank notes purporting to be drawn upon the Chartered Mercantile Bank. The prisoner was remanded until the 1st of April.

An Indian constable charged a Chinaman with unlawful possession. It appears that the prisoner was encountered by the constable in Taipingshan yesterday, carrying a bundle of clothes; which, on examination, proved to consist of two black dress-coats, one white coat, and other articles of European apparel. These pieces of clothing could not be satisfactorily accounted for; and as a tail-coat did not seem an appropriate possession of a Chinaman, the constable brought the prisoner to the Station. Prisoner was foolish enough to strengthen the suspicion of the constable by stating that he was employed by a Chinaman to carry the clothing, but he did not know to what place he was to carry it. The case was remanded to permit of some enquiry as to the ownership of the clothing.

Mr. Gustav M. L. J. Perrin, describing himself as a merchant, appeared to charge a Manila boy named Jose Rosario, with having stolen a bill on the French Bank for \$408, and four five-dollar notes, from his room on the 7th inst. Prisoner was taken to the complainant, and is said to have taken the property from his master's trouser-pocket in his bedroom. The bill (or a similar bill) was presented to Mr. Ullmann by the prisoner, but refused; and a warrant of search and apprehension was accordingly granted. Prisoner therefore appeared in the dock; but the case was remanded until Saturday.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Rangoon*, Captain Bakery from Bombay 5th, Gallo 9th, Penang 16th, and Singapore 18th March, bringing the Europe Mails of 6th-12th February, arrived at 0.30 a.m. to-day.

The *Rangoon* carries 700 bales Cotton and 717 chests Malva Opium for Hongkong, and 602 chests of the same drug for Shanghai.

The following are the latest telegrams dated London:

19th Feb.—Two directors of the Merchants' Company have been committed for trial.

20th Feb.—Glasgow and North Derbyshire election petitions have been withdrawn. General George Balfour has resigned his post in the War Office. Advances from Brazil state that the Paraguayan war is now over.

20th Feb.—H. R. H. Prince Leopold is dangerously ill. The tone of the French Press towards Belgium is very threatening.

22nd Feb.—The addresses of the Houses of Parliament were presented to the Queen to-day. The serious illness of H. R. H. Prince Leopold continues. Telegrams state that the Austrian Private *Raiders* has blown up near the island of Lissa in the Adriatic. Four hundred lives have been lost. Advances from Paris state the excitement regarding the Luxembourg Railway Question, which the Belgian Senate has sanctioned, is subsiding.

23rd Feb.—In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Chichester Fortescue said that H. M. Government had decided to release 49 Fenians, and to detain 32. Advances from Spain state that General Prim has declared in the Cortes that the Bourbon Dynasty will never rescind the throne of Spain. S. Serrano is now forming a Cabinet. In the House of Commons last night Mr. Grant Duff, Under Secretary of the Indian Council, said he was anxious for reforms, and that the House permitting, he would bring forward the Indian Budget at an earlier period than usual.

Dulce has telegraphed to Spain that the inspection in Cuba will be speedily suppressed, unless the insurgents receive reinforcements. Latest telegrams from Spain state that it is asserted that Prince Ferdinand of Portugal is disposed to accept the Crown of Spain.

25th Feb.—H. R. H. Prince Leopold is rapidly recovering. Latest advices from Spain state that the Cortes has thanked the Provincial Government and charged S. Serrano to form a ministry. Cable telegrams from New York of yesterday's date state that Congress has passed a bill declaring the National Debt payable in gold, and legalizing gold contracts.

26th Feb.—In the House of Lords last night the Duke of Argyll introduced a Bill for National Education in Scotland in conformity with the recommendation of the Commission of 1864. In the House of Commons last night Mr. Grant Duff said that the question of the removal of the Capital of India from Calcutta was not under the consideration of Government. Advances from Spain state that S. Serrano has made a patriotic speech on his assumption of office.

27th Feb.—H. R. H. the Princess Christian has given birth to a daughter. H. M. Government has declined to postpone the departure of the Telegraph Cable to the accident to the ship *Calcutta*. Latest advices from Spain state that S. Serrano has announced the re-appointment of the former Ministers, and his resolution to maintain the principles of the Revolution.

2nd March.—The Army Estimates have been published, and show a reduction of £1,080,000 sterling. The army will be reduced to the extent of 11,200 men. The soldiers to be dismissed are chiefly Infantry. An order of Her Majesty's Government has been published commanding the issue of medals for Abyssinia and New Zealand. Sir John Lawrence has arrived at Suez in the *Mongolia*. The steamer *Corado*, and has been placed at his disposal at Alexandria.

2nd March.—In the House of Commons last night the Irish Church Bill was introduced by Mr. Gladstone, who said that the greatest promptitude was necessary in the settlement of the question. This process of Disestablishment will be divided into two stages, the first being transitory until 1871. The Bill proposes the appointment of a new Ecclesiastical Commission, and therein. The Bill would absolutely take effect in 1871, which not only would the separation of Church and State be complete, but the existing Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction would also cease, and the payment of the Bishops lapse. The value of the property of the Irish Church is estimated at £18,000,000, and from £7,000,000 to £10,000,000 would remain after all claims have been satisfied. The surplus portion is it proposed to devote to the relief of Irish distress. The Bill has been read the first time. The second reading is fixed for the 18th March.

3rd March.—Her Majesty's Government has instructed General Stanton to take the necessary steps for the relief of the American Mission which visited Abyssinia for the purpose of effecting the liberation of the captives. Cable Telegrams from New York of yesterday's date state that the House of Representatives has passed a resolution sympathizing with the Cuban Insurrection, and authorizing the President to recognize the independence of Cuba, when the fact of a Government has been established.

The following are additional items:—Mr. W. Smith has been declared duly elected for Westminster. The *Car* has telegraphed to King George (of Greece) his subjects and renovate the race. An American Agent has been appointed and will as soon as he has transacted some negotiations on behalf of the King at Washington, take up his duty at Singapore. We shall watch the result of the experiment with interest. Beyond the traditional connection which is liable to grave doubts, the Hawaiians and the Malays have nothing in common, and the barrier of religion will prevent the former from raising themselves to a level with the followers of Mahomet. We suspect the Americans will find some means of turning the extinction of the race whose possessions are looked on as the inheritance of the United States.

ANOTHER COAL SHIP BURNED.

The *Bat*, *Handelschiff* of the 23rd Feb. states:—By the *Harvett* there arrived here on the 12th January the first mate and seven seamen of the Bremen ship *Adela*, laden with coals, from England to Rangoon. The ship was totally burned, in 27 S. and 91 E., from Greenwich. The crew left the ship in three boats, of which only the above mentioned one arrived at Padang. Nothing is yet known of the other two boats, in which passengers, and six seamen; and in the second, the second mate, and some sailors. These men have traversed 1,500 English miles, and passed in the boat 134 days in the open sea. In the last eight days they had nothing to eat or drink, and arrived at Padang in a very exhausted condition.

Or the evening of the 31st inst. a Mount St. Bernard bitch, the property of Mr. W. Solague, of Barking, Essex, gave birth to 23 pups. Many of them have since died. This is the second litter of the same bitch on the first occasion the number being 17. This is a remarkable instance of the fecundity of nature, as exemplified in the canine species.

A New HAMPSHIRE editor, who has been keeping a record of big beats, announces at last that "the best that beat the best that beat the best



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**NOTIFICATION.**

**THE TEA TRADE AT CANTON.**

THE following Notification has been issued by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton:—

*Notification*  
*No. 2.*

BRITISH CONSULATE,  
CANTON, February 26, 1869.

Representations having been made to the undersigned with reference to the difficulties experienced in obtaining the fulfilment of contracts through the failure of the Teamen and Brokers to supply Teas in bulk according to the muster upon which they were purchased, he brought the matter, in conjunction with the Consul for the United States, before the Chinese authorities, with a view to devising some mode

which the evil complained of might be rectified. It is obvious that the remedy lay to a great extent in the hands of the purchasers themselves, by the refusal of the Teas if they were inferior to the samples, but difficulties interpose in following this course, such as Tonnage having been engaged, advices having gone forward, and others unnecessary to mention. Moreover, as the rejection of a ship was little likely to cause loss or damage to the Teaman owing to market fluctuations, no unwillingness was felt on his part to such a result; in fact, it was an encouragement to fraudulent practices. The undersigned was there-

ment of contracts or enforcing what is termed an "equitable act" for inferior quality, were necessary measures, if trade was to be conducted on anything like a sound basis; he therefore directed his attention to devising a mode of arbitration proceeding by means of which the expense and delay of a Chinese court of law might be avoided. It is not worth while to detail the particulars of the proposition he made, as, after long negotiations, it was rejected by the Tea guild, who met it by a counter proposition that if Tea, when of inferior quality,

not equal money, it should be rejected. Seeing that no amicable arrangement could be arrived at, the undersigned, in conjunction with the Consul for the United States, requested the Chinese authorities to notify the Toamen, brokers, and others, that the utmost rigour of the law would be enforced in all cases of fraudulent practices, and he hopes that the Proclamation which has been issued accordingly, a copy of translation of which is annexed, will have the effect intended, by shewing the parties against whom it is directed that they will

not escape with impunity from the consequences of their misdeeds.

(Signed) D. B. ROBERTSON,  
*Consul.*

Proclamation by CHEN, Magistrate of the Nanhai District, and YANG, Magistrate of the P'wangyu District :—

We have received instructions from his Honor the Financial Commissioner, embodying orders from his Excellency the Viceroy in tenor as follow :—

"The Viceroy received a communication on the 20th August last from the British Consul, Mr. Robertson, in which he stated

has been addressed by the British merchants at Canton with reference to the great loss and detriment to their trade caused by the inferior qualities of the Teas supplied by the Teamen, notwithstanding their contracts to deliver Teas according to muster. The practice appears to be that the Teamen brokers take round samples of Teas, and the merchants after inspecting and ascertaining their qualities and arranging for the price to be paid for the chop, with the weight in piculs and the time of delivery, engage tonnage by vessels proceeding to England.

and when the Teas agreed to arrive in Canton, they are found on inspection to be not only far inferior in quality to the sample supplied, but largely mixed with what are called "be-teas," or leaves of plants of all kinds prepared to imitate the genuine tea. This has now become the regular practice, and it is necessary that some measures should be taken to put an end to these frauds which are thus perpetrated. He therefore urges that measures be devised with this end in view, etc., etc. The U. S. S. Consul, Mr. King, has also made a similar

Representation. On receipt of the foregoing the Viceroy ordains that a notification be issued to the Tea dealers with injunctions to be laid upon them for their obedience."

The Magistrates being in receipt of the above instructions, have to issue a notification in pursuance of their order; and we do therefore accordingly proclaim for the instruction, of all members of the Tea Trade, that it is an obvious duty to make honesty and good faith the guiding principles of commerce with foreign merchants, and that to cherish fraudulent designs can in no wise be permitted. . . . They should more

over, bear in mind that it is bulk of the Tea export has been confined of late years to the ports of Fukien, whilst the local trade in Canton, tea itself has at the same time languished in an unusual degree. If fraudulent practices in the way of false packing be further persisted in, not only will those guilty of such acts be liable to prosecution and thus incur the danger of arrest and of actions for compensation, but the trade itself will continue to fall off daily, and the possibility of gain to the trader will be still more remote. It is not difficult to

perceive on which side the real interest of the dealer actually lies. After the issue of this Notification, if the traders refused to fail to amend their ways, and still continue indulging in fraudulent practices, on complaint being lodged by foreign merchants, they shall not only be required to make compensation, but shall further be visited with severe punishment, under the statute for assimilating the offence of obtaining money under false pretences with the crime of robbery. Be ye careful, therefore, not to disobey, and thus to involve yourselves

in trouble. Let all tremblingly obey, a  
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